

## REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 16 April 2004  
Name of applicant/court: Secretary for Internal Affairs  
Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable  
Title of Publication: Nexus Issue 19  
Other Known Title(s): Not Stated  
Director(s): Not Applicable  
Producer(s): Not Applicable  
Publisher: Nexus Publications 2003 Ltd  
Author(s): Not Applicable  
Format: Magazine  
Country of Origin: New Zealand  
Language(s): English

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**Components of film originally examined:** Not Applicable.

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| Feature:  | Running Time:       |
| Trailers: | Running Time:       |
|           | Total Running Time: |

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Unrestricted.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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**SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:**

The magazine entitled *Nexus Issue 19* is classified as:  
Unrestricted.

The magazine is an issue of the weekly Waikato University student magazine and is fairly typical of such student magazines, with the exception that this issue contains a satirical advertisement that explicitly depicts sexual activity. The image appears to be excerpted from a sexually explicit publication and would have been intended for adult sexual arousal in its original publication. However, in the context of the advertisement, the image clearly presents as being intended for the purposes of satire and humour rather than sexual titillation. The image is very small, not very clear, not a focus of the page it appears on and could easily be overlooked by a reader. This particular issue of the magazine was published in 2003 in relatively small volumes and was made available to a limited audience of university students not likely to include children. Given its subject matter, which particularly focuses on campus events and issues, the magazine is of limited interest to people who are not students of the university and is particularly unlikely to appeal to children.

The Classification Office has taken into account the limited extent of the sexual material, the satirical purpose, the intended audience, and the limited current availability of this issue that was published last year. Given these factors, the Classification Office considers that imposing an age restriction on this magazine would be of little practical effect and further that in these circumstances the unrestricted availability of this particular issue is unlikely to result in injury to the public good.

The magazine is classified as unrestricted, which places no limit on the right to freedom of expression expressed in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

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